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REMARKS

The claims have been amended by incorporating the subject matter of claim 15 into the independent claims. Claim 15 has thereby been cancelled. The dependency of claim 16 has been corrected to now depend from claim 1.

The specification has been amended at paragraph 74.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested at this late stage in prosecution. Applicants did not make the amendments prior to the final rejection, as Applicants strongly believed that the claims as written contained allowable subject matter.

Review and reconsideration on the merits are further requested.

The amendment filed February 28, 2006 has been objected to as adding new matter. In response, Applicants traverse the rejection.

Applicants provide herewith copies of the following patents which describe a drelt as a hybrid or cross between a drum and a belt, and wherein the belt is formed over the drum, as set forth in the language added to the specification. Applicants respectfully submit that the added language is not new matter, as it is well known to one of ordinary skill in the art. Applicants point the Examiner to the following patents:

6,645,687

6,618,570

6,602,156

6,576,078

6,558,767

6,515,069

These patents issued well prior to the filing date of the present application. Applicants respectfully submit that these patents, along with other patents and publications, demonstrate that the term "drelt" is well known to one of ordinary skill in the art as being a cross or hybrid between a drum and a belt, and is a belt formed over a drum. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment filed February 28, 2006 did not introduce new matter and respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to that amendment.

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The disclosure has been objected to because at paragraph 74, a trademark is not capitalized. Although the trademark is written correctly as evidenced by publications sent in from the manufacturer of the trademark product, where the manufacturer does not capitalize the trademark, Applicants have amended paragraph 74 by capitalizing the trademark in order to advance prosecution on the merits. In view of the amendment, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

Claims 1-11, 17 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Yu, et al. as evidenced by Applicant's admission in paragraph 78 of the specification and Yu '309 combined with Service and Viswanathan. In response, Applicants traverse the rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of the references alone or in combination teach or suggest the surface resistivity of former claim 15, the recitation of which has been incorporated into the independent claims. Because none of the claims teach or suggest the claimed resistivity, Applicants submit that one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to provide an anti-curl backing layer having the claimed resistivity, absent some teaching or suggestion. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present claims, as amended, are not obvious in view of the cited references. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-11, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Yu, et al. as evidenced by Applicants admission in paragraph 78, and Yu '309 combined with Service and Viswanathan.

Claims 12-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Yu '486 as evidenced by Applicants admission and Yu '309, combined with Service and Viswanathan as applied to claim 1 above, and further combined with Yu '309. In response, Applicants traverse the rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of the five references cited by the Examiner teach or suggest the claimed surface resistivity which has been incorporated into claim 1, from which claims 12-14 depend. Applicants submit that one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to provide an anti-curl backing layer having the claimed resistivity absent some teaching or suggestion. Therefore, Applicants submit that the present claims are not rendered obvious in view of the cited combination.

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Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Yu '486 as evidenced by Applicants admission and Yu '309, combined with Service and Viswanathan as applied to claim 1 above, and further combined with Yu '309.

Claims 19-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Yu '486 as evidenced by Applicants admission and Yu '309 combined with Service and Viswanathan, as applied to claim 1, further combined with Rang and Diamond. In response, Applicants traverse the rejection.

Applicants submit that none of the six references cited by the Examiner teach or suggest the claimed resistivity, which has been incorporated into claims 19 and 20. Applicants respectfully submit that absent some teaching or suggestion, one of ordinary skill would not have been motivated to provide an anti-curl backing layer having the claimed resistivity. Therefore, Applicants submit that the rejected claims are not obvious in view of the cited combination. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Yu '486 as evidenced by Applicants admission and Yu '309 combined with Service and Viswanathan, as applied to claim 1, further combined with Rang and Diamond.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 15 and 16 contain allowable subject matter.

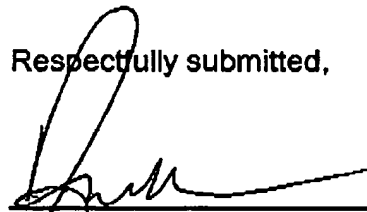
In view of the above arguments and amendments, Applicants submit that all claims should now be in condition for allowance. Early indication of allowability is respectfully requested.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney (or agent) hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

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In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, s/he is hereby authorized to call Applicant's Attorney, Annette L. Bade, at telephone number (310) 333-3682.

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